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| Title: CARDIAC APPARATUS INCLUDING  | ) |                             |
| ELECTROACTIVE POLYMER ACTUATORS     | ) |                             |
| AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME       | ) |                             |

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

M/S Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is submitted in response to the Office action dated June 12, 2006. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-referenced patent application on the merits in view of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.